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AMENDMENT/RESPONSE

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated issued May 20, 2004. Please amend the application as follows.

Claim Amendments:

Cancel claim 24 and amend the remaining claims as follows. Claims 2-23 were previously cancelled.

1. (Currently amended) A pharmaceutical composition adapted for delivery to a subject comprising:

a) an azide derivative of a drug, which drug comprises an amino or hydroxyl moiety, wherein in said azide derivative an azide group occurs at the site of said amino or hydroxyl moiety in place of said moiety, said azide derivative being capable of being converted to said drug in vivo by replacement of said azide group with said amino or hydroxyl moiety of said drug; and

b) a suitable pharmaceutical carrier,  
wherein said drug is a biologically active therapeutic purine compound or a purine nucleoside or purine nucleotide compound and said azide group occurs on the 6-position of said purine compound or said purine nucleoside or nucleotide compound.

2-23. Cancelled.